

### REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 18-21 are presented for examination. Claims 2-4, 8-10, and 12 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 are independent.

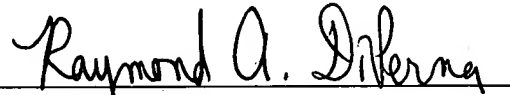
It is noted that the amendments set forth herein are made for the purposes of clarification only and no change in scope of the claims is either intended or believed to be effected. In fact, this Amendment of Allowance was deemed necessary since, as explained in the Statement of Substance of Interview filed on November 14, 2005, the Continuation Sheet attached to the Interview Summary mailed on October 12, 2005 contains a number of changes to the claims that the undersigned attorney does not recall authorizing (specifically those changes listed on the Continuation Sheet as items b through g). Accordingly, this Amendment After Allowance is being filed to clarify the language inserted by the Examiner in items b through g. It is noted that in a telephone conference the undersigned attorney had with the Examiner on January 9, 2006, the Examiner gave her tentative approval for the changes set forth herein.

In view of the fact that the Examiner's Interview Summary necessitated submission of this paper, Applicant considers it improper for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to reduce, on the basis of this paper, the Patent Term Adjustment granted to this application.

This Amendment After Allowance is deemed to raise no new issues, require no new search, and require no substantial work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. Entry of this Amendment After Allowance is therefore requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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